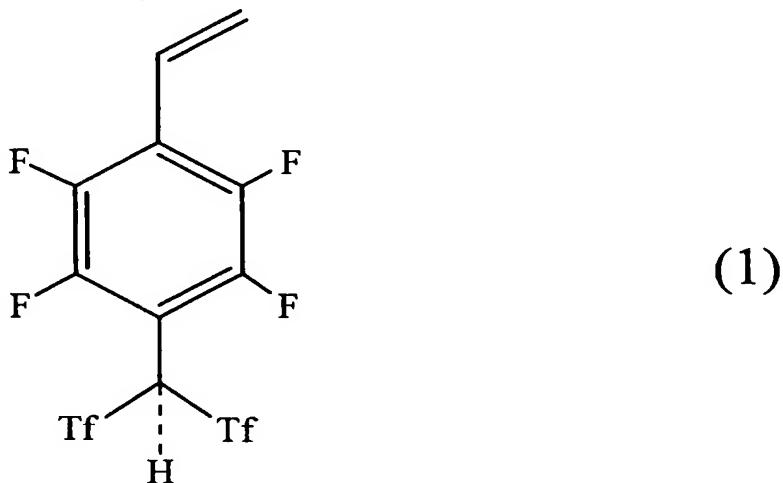


**Amendments to the Claims:**

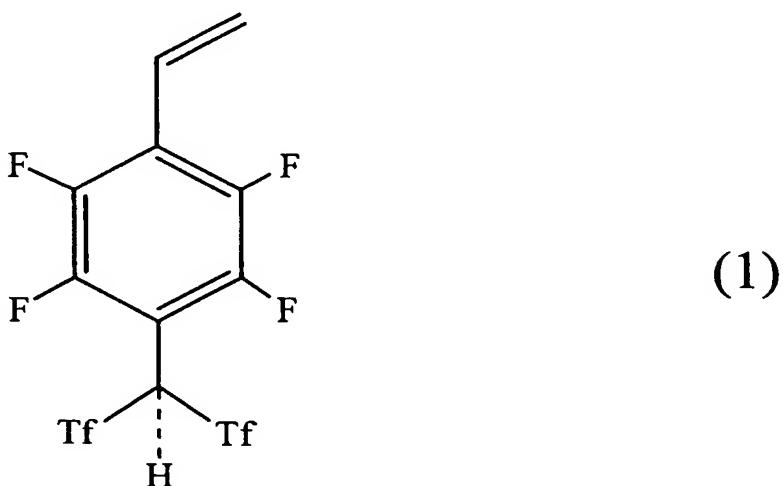
The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A monomer compound represented by the general formula (1):

wherein Tf indicates a trifluoromethane sulfonyl group ( $-\text{SO}_2\text{CF}_3$ ).

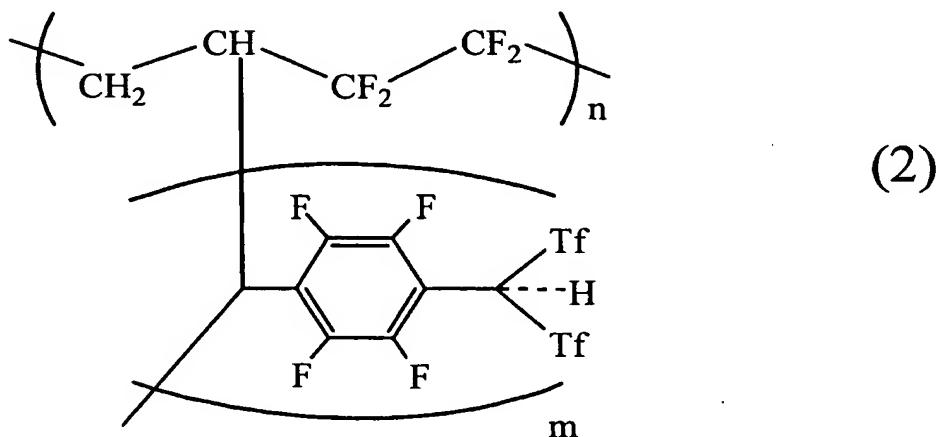


2. (Original) A graft copolymer compound in which the monomer compound represented by the general formula (1):



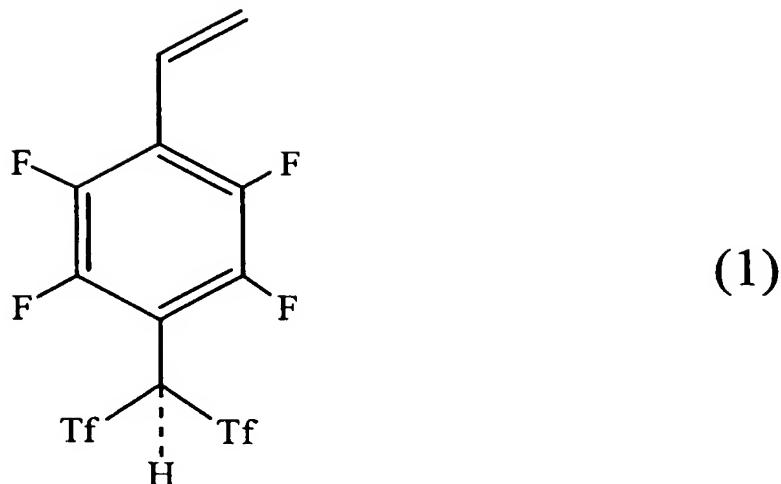
is graft-copolymerized to the main chain of a fluorine-containing hydrocarbon polymer, wherein Tf indicates a trifluoromethane sulfonyl group ( $-\text{SO}_2\text{CF}_3$ ).

3. (Original) The graft copolymer compound according to claim 2 represented by the general formula (2):



wherein the main chain of said fluorine-containing hydrocarbon polymer is an ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene copolymer, and Tf indicates a trifluoromethane sulfonyl group ( $-\text{SO}_2\text{CF}_3$ ), n is not less than 10, and m is not less than 3.

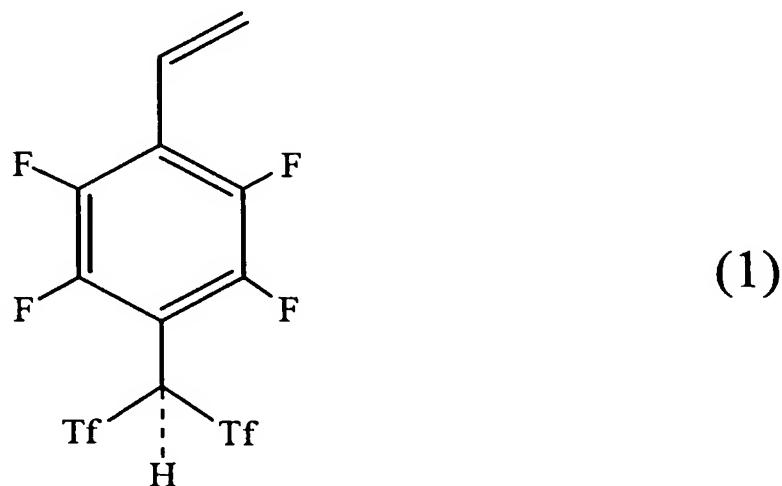
4. (Original) A method for manufacturing a graft copolymer compound comprising graft-copolymerizing the monomer compound represented by the general formula (1):



to a fluorine-containing hydrocarbon polymer compound, wherein Tf indicates a trifluoromethane sulfonyl group ( $-\text{SO}_2\text{CF}_3$ ).

5. (Currently Amended) A polymer electrolyte membrane wherein the graft copolymer compound according to claim 2 or 3-is processed into a membrane.

6. (Original) A polymer electrolyte membrane wherein the monomer compound represented by the general formula (1):



is graft-copolymerized to a base film comprising a fluorine-containing hydrocarbon polymer, wherein Tf indicates a trifluoromethane sulfonyl group ( $-\text{SO}_2\text{CF}_3$ ).

7. (Currently Amended) A polymer electrolyte fuel cell comprising the electrolyte membrane according to claim 5-~~or~~-6, reactive poles that sandwich said electrolyte membrane on both sides thereof, and separators that sandwich said reactive poles.

8. (New) A polymer electrolyte membrane wherein the graft copolymer compound according to claim 3 is processed into a membrane.

9. (New) A polymer electrolyte fuel cell comprising the electrolyte membrane according to claim 6, reactive poles that sandwich said electrolyte membrane on both sides thereof, and separators that sandwich said reactive poles.